



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 2

Meeting Date: July 12, 2006

Meeting Location: Jasper County Public Library, Rensselaer, IN.,

Council Members Present: Charlotte Richey, Terrance Ciboch, Claudia Clark, Linda Gray, Judge Mary Harper, Larry Harris, Sharon Mathew, Judge Michael Shurn, Eileen Walters, Linda Rugg

Council Members Absent: Judge Jeryl Leach

Others In Attendance: Laurel Myers, Jon Rutkowski, Jackie Agee (White's Family Services), James Shively (CWS Coordinator), Diana Dibkey (Dunebrook), Edward Neimeth (Magistrate Porter Co.), Jill Whittaker (Dunebrook), Gail Johnson (Dunebrook), Kim Lahman (Midwest Center)

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Meeting Called to Order at: Regional Services Council meeting was called to order by Charlotte Richey at 5:30 P.M. (CST)/6:30 P.M. (EST)

1. It was noted that 10 council members were present to constitute a quorum for the meeting.
2. June meeting minutes were reviewed. No corrections noted, motion to pass minutes as written by Judge Mary Harper and seconded by Eileen Walters. Motion passed, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.
3. 2007 County Budgets
 - a. Presentation of County Budgets by each Director for their respective counties with the exception of Newton County whose Director was on vacation and was represented by a designee. Presenting were :
 1. Sharon Mathews – Jasper County
 2. Terrance Ciboch – LaPorte County
 3. Linda Gray (for Ron Fisher) – Newton County
 4. Jon Rutkowski – Porter County
 5. Laurel Myers – Pulaski County
 6. Larry Harris – Starke County

Some discussion followed and information provided enabled RSC members to be familiar, as a group, with each County's projected fiscal situation.

4. Presentation of 2007 Child Welfare Service Money and Prevention Funding.

a. Charlotte Richey presented to the RSC four (4) handouts for consideration and review.

1. Documentation itemizing the 2007 County allocations and 2005 expenditures for Region 2, and talking points outlining the Region's prevention funding.

2. A letter from Director James W. Payne outlining a directive on State Child Welfare Services Allocation Protocol for 2007. Guidelines for County/Region expenditures over and under \$1,000.00.

3. A 2007 proposed Child Welfare allocations chart for the Indiana Department of Child Services. Monies available State wide were broken into Regions and then allocation amounts were listed for each County.

4. Terrance Ciboch (Director LaPorte County) submitted a cover sheet that could be used to accompany any Agencies proposals.

A lengthy discussion followed. There is concern that the protocol for 2007 CWS program over \$1000 may be too burdensome and deter smaller agencies from "applying" for funds. This would cause a problem for local programming. The suggestion was made to put ALL CWS money into a regional fund for distribution via the RSC. It was stated that the RSC will be authorizing expenditures of more than \$1000 regardless of the funding source and no motion was made.

5. Sex Offender Programs.

a. Service Standards Draft from July 10, 2006, was presented for review and discussion. Specific discussion involved acceptable treatment for both sex offenders and victims of sex abuse. A motion to pass the Service Standards as written was made by Claudia Clark and seconded by Eileen Walters. Motion passed, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The next step is to gather information/data from the counties to determine the potential size of the RFP. It was decided that the Directors would work with their respective Judges and answer on behalf of both the DCS and Probation Depts.

6. Eileen Walters, Chairperson of the AdHoc Committee introduced completed survey results by DCS staff identifying the most critical prevention needs that will be addressed thru services provided by Dunebrook and additional local prevention Agencies. The goal for the next AdHoc meeting is to develop a loose frame work with expectations on how this program will run. Magistrate Edward Neimeth was not comfortable with the priorities and the direction that this was flowing and asked that plans be tabled. Dunebrook is going to gather information together and bring to the table a full agenda of available services to the next meeting.

Dunebrook is already the chosen provider to contract with, and Diana Dibkey (Director of Dunebrook), expressed a deep desire to begin developing plans, and moving into a work phase targeting service elements available to be utilized thru

their agency also networking with other available agencies to provide adequate full service programs. The only foreseeable problem is they need directions for whatever is going to be made available for them to begin. This will be on going for the RSC agenda.

7. The next scheduled RSC meeting was set for August 2, 2006 at the Winamac In., Courthouse. Conversation was initiated about postponing the meeting, allowing the AdHoc Committee time to meet prior to the RSC meeting, giving them time to execute and identify a clear vision and direction as to where to begin. It was decided that the August meeting would be moved from 08/02/06 to 08/16/06.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: August 16th, 2006 Pulaski Circuit/County Court House Winamac, IN., at 5:30 P.M. (CST)/6:30 P.M. (EST).

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:21 P.M. (CST)/8:21 P.M. (EST).